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Supermarket Slaughter

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After a quiet few months on the Masquerade front, perhaps a reflection upon the leadership of Prince Rothsilde or the efforts of Keeper of the Masquerade Tobias Weaver, the secrecy of the Camarilla in Glasgow has been thrown into doubt once more. In an outbreak of violence that leaves his writer in little doubt of Kindred involvement, twenty-one mortals were slain in a 24 hour Tesco supermarket at the Silverburn retail development.



In an attack reminiscent of the recent Battle of the Bands incident, two men in masks entered the store in the early hours of April 1st. Upon being intercepted by two security guards, they pounced upon the men, killing both with their bare hands. They proceeded to cut a swathe through the store, murdering a further three security staff while forcing their way into a CCTV control room.

The slaughter itself is alarming, but it is the nature in which it was carried out which should concern Camarilla observers. Both men acted with supernatural strength, and most worryingly, one of the men did not appear on the CCTV footage,

which is now held by the Serious Crime Unit. The effects of his actions were clearly visible, causing huge degrees of damage and throwing mortals off their feet, but the man himself was invisible.

Dark Times sources say that the footage possessed by Meldrum's Serious Crime Unit (SCU) is undoctored, and that the unit must have its own reasons for withholding the video. Current publicly stated theories, supported by both police and eye witnesses puts the attack down to a drug fuelled robbery, which went disastrously wrong.

However, the CCTV footage has proven this to be a falsehood. Who controls Meldrum and his unit?

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Perhaps Mr Weaver is proving his effectiveness. Or does he have his own reasons for keeping this Masquerade breach covered?

Death of Chairman Hunter

John Houblon (childe of Hardestadt)

Kindred of the city of Glasgow, it has come to my attention that Geoffrey Hunter, chairman of the Ventrue board, ancilla of the Camarilla, has met his final death. The current market situation and political landscape of Glasgow do not allow me to investigate his destruction myself. For that reason I offer a minor boon to whoever first brings me a detailed report about his demise outlining those responsible for it. Any reports can be send to J Houblon, Conister Trust Limited, Kingswood Grove, Douglas, Isle of Man.

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ScotWear continued

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ScotWear Ltd. v. Glasgow City Council proceeded this month, as Glasgow City Council's appeal from the initial decision against them was appealed to the Inner House of the Court of Session. From the outset it has been clear that this appeal will involve complex and extensive legal arguments. The original decision in ScotWear's favour caught everyone by surprise, appearing to reverse precedent, and the Council's submissions in that case were brief and unimpressive.

However, given the potential damage which will be done to Glasgow if the decision is upheld at appeal and applied in future cases, the Council has devoted considerable resources and time to the hearing in the Court of Session. Before proceedings began, the Council were once again confident of success. Two days into the hearing,

and that assurance has disappeared, after the Council's legal representatives were completely outclassed by the counsel for ScotWear. Should matters continue in the same fashion over the next week or two of this case, and it seems inevitable that ScotWear will emerge victorious again.

MI5 Arrive in Glasgow

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The spree of police murders continued this month, with a further 9 officers being assassinated, leaving Strathclyde police reeling, and still no closer to identifying the guilty party. Meldrum's unit believe that a highly skilled and capable terrorist cell are responsible for the attacks, and that they are using them as an opportunity to train, and taunt the police force as they apparently kill with immunity.

The murders have thus far been centred around the south side of Glasgow, particularly in Giffnock, Cathcart, Pollokshields and Rutherglen. Patrols in these areas have been scaled back, with officers operating in larger squads and being issued with bullet-proof vests. Given the suspected terrorist connection MI5 have now become involved with investigations, and there is a great deal of pressure to make progress on this, before the murders are inevitably discovered by the media.

Canine Chaos

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In a most unexpected phenomenon, adding to the woes of Glasgow, on the 13th of May, dozens of dogs turned upon their owners in an apparently unprovoked and unconnected occurrence. Between Springburn, Maryhill and Bishopbriggs, reports flooded in of dogs of all breeds and sizes attacking their owners, children and other pets. At final count, over thirty people were hospitalised with bite wounds, over fifty pets were killed, a similar number of dogs have had to be destroyed,

and worst, two small children and an elderly woman lost their lives.

In the aftermath of that evening, veterinarians and forensic zoologists have worked tirelessly to uncover the cause of such a dramatic turn in behaviour. Unable to locate any common factor linking the instances, experts have concluded that the most likely causes are either a contaminant in the water, or a high pitched sound in those areas, which drove the dogs to act violently without warning. However, the Dark Times suspects that the incident may have a less mundane explanation.

Great Britain by Night

Margery Houndsworth-Stone, Clan Toreador, Ancilla, Harpy of London

Good evening my faithful readers. We are entering the summer period where the nights shorten and the social calendar looks frightfully empty. How I long back to the time of Mithras and his Summer solstice celebration. This year there will be nothing apart from a few boring mortal affairs. What has happened that we no longer celebrate the turning point where the night become longer again and our influences start to grow again.

Time to look back to the last month. Fairly early on we have Patrick Merryweather, a Ventruer neonate from Birmingham travelling to Glasgow

and then disappearing. It is generally known that Merryweather is a stout supporter of Queen Anne's recent expansion and it is also well known that Prince Rothschild has publicly positioned himself against London. While terribly little has actually openly occurred this might well be the first sign that Prince Rothschild is not going to sit and wait for Queen Anne to make the first public move. It's strange that he would pick someone quite so insignificant to make an example of but who is to question the logic of a prince.

Then news from Severn reached our ears that the Prince had ordered all anarchs to be purged from his domain. No reason was given but most speculation suggests that it was feared the anarchs might be an easy tool for Queen Anne to gather intelligence within the domain.

As for the official section, let it be known that Julius Montgomery of Glasgow, ancilla of the Camarilla is indebted to Simon Rubin of Manchester, ancilla of the Camarilla.

Let it be known that Daniel Vega of Glasgow, elder of the Camarilla has still not redressed his lack of payments to David Stone of York, ancilla of the Camarilla. His failure to settle his debts has been noted and David Stone has gracefully given him another month before he will declare elder Vega as boon broken. Let's hope that Primogen Vega gets his act together before then or the city of Glasgow will suffer another blow.

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